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SUBJECT: Communist Chinese Request Meeting December 11

1. LO called SIMONS 0945 December 10 Warsaw time and made following statement in Polish (in informal English translation).

BEGIN QUOTE. Your Ambassador wished to meet with our Chargé d'Affaires. I reported this matter to our Chargé d'Affaires. On instruction I inform you that the Chargé d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Warsaw Lei YANG is ready to meet with your Ambassador at the Chinese Embassy tomorrow, December 11, at 1400. I request that a Polish-language interpreter accompany your Ambassador during the meeting. END QUOTE.

2. Simons replied he would report to Ambassador and be in touch by telephone during day (of December 10).

3. Chinese will obviously expect me to say something beyond expression of President's interest in serious concrete talks already transmitted. Request text introductory statement

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and whatever contingency guidance on other matters Department may consider appropriate. I would plan have Simons accompany me. Suggest I be authorized to propose that next meeting be held at US Embassy.

4. I am hosting luncheon at Residence December 11 at 1315 in honor Washington Post correspondent Chalmers ROBERTS, to which several Polish newspapermen and other diplomats are invited. To cancel luncheon or leave early would invite speculation, and I therefore believe that I should propose meeting Lei at 1600 hours rather than 1400.

5. I would plan to drive to Chinese Embassy in my car, although without flag flying in order avoid attention. As noted my letter to KREISBERG October 27, it is unlikely that Western press representatives will observe my call at Chinese Embassy, although this possibility exists. In any event, we should have contingency press guidance ready in case there is leak from any source. Advise.

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